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THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE AND THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF DETAINEES

QUESTION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF PERSONS SUBJECTED TO ANY FORM OF DETENTION OR IMPRISONMENT

Application of international standards concerning the human rights of detained juveniles

Note by the Secretary-General pursuant to Sub-Commission resolution 1992/25 and Commission on Human Rights resolution 1993/80

1. The Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities in its resolution 1991/16 of 28 August 1991, inter alia requested the Secretary-General,

> "to explore the feasibility of organizing a meeting of experts under the auspices of the Centre for Human Rights, the United Nations Children's Fund, and the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs on the application of international standards concerning the human rights of detained juveniles, in order that the results of the meeting may be used by the Special Rapporteur in the preparation of the updated report."

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2. On 29 May 1992, the Under-Secretary-General for Human Rights addressed a letter to the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs and the United Nations Children's Fund requesting their comments and recommendations on the feasibility of convening such a meeting.

3. The Secretary-General received replies from the above-mentioned bodies dated 13 July and 24 June 1992, respectively. Both the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs and the United Nations Children's Fund forwarded a wide range of suggestions and proposals and expressed their full support for and their will to participate in the meeting of experts.*

4. Following these consultations the Sub-Commission, in its resolution 1992/25 of 27 August 1992, welcomed the proposal of the Secretary-General, contained in document E/CN.4/Sub.2/1992/20/Add.1, to organize a meeting of experts on the application of international standards concerning the human rights of detained juveniles and requested the Secretary-General to report to the Commission on Human Rights and the Sub-Commission on the results of the meeting.

5. In its resolution 1993/80 of 10 March 1993, the Commission on Human Rights welcomed the Secretary-General's proposal to organize, within the framework of the programme of human rights activities for 1994, a meeting of experts under the auspices of the Centre for Human Rights, the United Nations Children's Fund and the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, on the application of international standards concerning the human rights of detained juveniles. Furthermore, the Commission expressed the wish that the Committee on the Rights of the Child, the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery and the Working Group on Detention, should be represented at the meeting of experts, together with the specialized non-governmental organizations, in particular those of juvenile court judges.

6. Finally, the Commission requested the Secretary-General to report on the results of the meeting at its fifty-first session and to the Sub-Commission at its forty-sixth session.

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* The full text of these communications is available in the Secretariat's file.